

Correspondence.

Westville Waifs.

Alonzo Laughlin and family visited Mrs. Lane last week.

Oats coming up nicely, and a larger acreage sown than usual.

Mrs. Wm. Riley had a very severe attack of heart failure last week.

Mrs. Oliver has rented rooms of Mrs. Lane and is sending her boys to school.

Benj. Moorman and family and F. W. Knott and wife visited Geo. Ross and wife last Sunday.

A. W. Knott had the misfortune to have his new buggy torn to pieces last Sunday by a run away team.

Mr. Blackburn, who owned the nursery two miles south of Marceline, has sold out and will go to Texas.

The Westville school, Marcellus Wilson, teacher, is progressing smoothly. Marcellus promises to make a good teacher.

The young folks had a nice time at A. J. Bell's Thursday evening. W. W. Smith won the prize, a rag-doll, for sewing the best.

The ground is working fine. Corn-ground is being broken earlier than usual. Some intend finishing their corn-planting next week.

Mrs. Anna Walker, nee Couch, died Friday, April 13, at 7 a. m., after an illness of several weeks. She had been married for a little over a year to Shupe Walker of near Mike. Besides her husband she leaves a girl baby about one month old. She was an upright, conscientious wife and woman. While it seems hard that she should leave us so soon, we bow with submission, and will strive to live to meet her again when we, like her, have done with life's troubled dream.

Sumner Squibs.

Mrs. Woody made a business trip to Brookfield Tuesday.

Geo. W. Berry is again our town marshal. He is also street commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Macklin a newly-married couple from Triplett, are visiting Miss Daisy Moling.

There was preaching at both the Methodist and Christian churches last Sunday. The subjects of the discourses largely appertained to Easter.

Rev. C. K. Shilling, the M. E. preacher at Browning, passed through here Monday with his little daughter on his way to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shilling's father at Fayette.

The attendance at the church services Sunday were rather slim, probably because the ladies were afraid the threatening storm would damage their new hats, and they would not don their old ones.

H. W. Patrick has graded up his yard and made other extensive improvements on his property at the corner of Center and Main streets. He has also laid out a picturesque walk from his yard gate to the barracks.

At noon Friday we received a hearty summons to attend a dinner in celebration of the birthday of George Berry, where we found a house full of merry friends and neighbors and an abundance of the good things of life. George said it was a complete surprise to him.

Our paragraph on pipe-stems last week met with lightning appreciation. Friday morning before we got our own paper out of the office we were the recipient of a batch of pipe-stems from L. A. McKean, postmaster at Cunningham, with the compliments of one who sells extra stems.

The Easter social at Mr. and Mrs. Butler Smart's for the benefit of the Y. P. S. C. E. was a complete success. About two score of people were there, and engaged in various intellectual games, among the rest displaying their artistic skill on the black-board. Quite a neat little sum was realized.

Salisbury Scribbings.

Miss Edna Allin left Monday for her new home in Montana.

The Neal hotel is a beauty and will soon be the neatest in town.

W. R. Sweeney, the popular east side druggist, is still on the sick list.

F. M. Stamper & Co. of Clifton Hill

have opened up a poultry house here.

Large deliveries of fruit trees have been made here this spring by nursery-men.

Miss Gertie Ford is in very poor health and her friends deeply sympathize with her.

W. R. Slaughter closed out his white-faced herd of cattle at Kansas City last week at fair prices.

Thos. Dempster of two miles west of town is in poor health, and his recovery is despaired of.

The stone work on the Sinclair building is being rushed and will soon be ready for the brick.

The Mitchells are here this week, but judging from appearances the show does not draw.

Quite a hail-storm fell here Monday evening, doing some damage to early gardens and fruit buds.

Mrs. S. B. Elliott and children have returned from their visit to California, and Sam smiles again in spite of his defeat for sheriff.

Our people are glad to hear of the prospect for re-establishing telephone connection with the capital. May it succeed, and at once.

Mrs. Philpott and Mrs. Horton have each received \$2,000 from the A. O. U. W. on benefit certificates held by their respective husbands.

W. H. Brummall sold his residence property on the north side to Chas. W. Haberly. R. B. Crowder sold his to Mr. Eppenstein, Mr. Haberly's partner.

School Commissioner Drace and his board of arbitrators, by a vote of 3 to 2, decided not to change the boundary line of district No. 1 and 3-53-17.

C. B. Oldham and wife of Russellville, Ark., have been here several days attending the bedside of Mrs. A. Bowman, who remains quite sick, but is possibly some better than she was last week.

At a meeting of the school board all the old teachers were re-elected except Miss Ada Shannon, who did not apply, her place being filled by the selection of Miss Martha Finnell.

Judge Reed, who lives in the south part of town, and who is over 80 years old, received a hard fall Tuesday, breaking his thigh-bone. His extreme age and feeble condition may prevent his recovery.

There was a rumor here Sunday that N. O. Tate had been shot, but later reports failed to confirm it. We are glad to know the colonel is still hustling for himself and Chariton county.

Triplett Times.

J. E. M. Triplett is very feeble.

E. B. Harper of St. Louis is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Daisy Moling of Sumner is teaching music in this vicinity.

B. F. Fleetwood and Frank Elliott transacted business at Moberly Monday evening.

We understand that some of the farmers in this vicinity have their corn planted.

George Gallatin and Clay Marsh shipped a carload of hogs to St. Louis Monday.

J. P. Burris, J. A. Hooper and L. F. Allemang transacted business at Macon this week.

J. P. Burris and W. D. Bowen returned home from Southwest Missouri last Sunday morning.

C. F. Seneker, who has been very bad off for some time with heart trouble, is now very low.

Mrs. Anna Day of Kansas City visited her father, Thos. Triplett of this city, a couple of days the first of this week.

Married, last Sunday evening at the parsonage, by Rev. J. W. Owen, L. W. Macklin to Miss Flora McPherson at 5 o'clock p. m. They received many congratulations.

Miss Myrtle Fleetwood of Tacoma, Wash., arrived in our city Tuesday on a visit to her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fleetwood, expecting to remain with them this summer.

R. L. Buffington of Norborne has shipped in a general stock of goods,

consisting of dry goods, groceries, notions, etc., and has set up at J. E. M. Triplett's brick store-room, three doors north of the bank.

Bynumville Budget.

F. F. Harmon bought a fine jack a few days ago.

Ed Miller of Lagonda was down Sunday on a visit to his brother and family at this place.

Thos. Green attended the funeral of Mrs. S. Walker, near Trade, last week. Mrs. W. was his niece.

Rev. Jas Ramsey of this place filled his regular appointment, near Kaseyville, Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of our young people attended Easter services at the Catholic church at Wien Sunday.

Dr. A. S. Rose of Callao, a noted veterinary surgeon, was in our vicinity last week doing quite a lot of work.

H. Lydorff and wife visited their daughters, Mesdames Dismukes of Salisbury, Wednesday and Thursday.

C. N. Green, who has been sick for some time, is now taking the Roberts-Hawley lymph treatment, with apparent benefit.

Mrs. A. C. Yocum of Trenton, Neb., came out Sunday to see her parents at this place, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Green.

Mrs. Louis A. Thomas, who has been visiting in Salisbury, came home a few days ago sick with bronchitis and sore throat.

Miss Alta Wilkins and her best beau, Mr. Bird of Marceline, were over Sunday on a visit to Miss W.'s mother at this place.

During the rain-storm at this place Monday quite a lot of hail fell, and lightning struck a tree very near E. D. Dodge's blacksmith shop.

A Sunday-school was organized at the Union church last Sunday with J. F. Wilson, superintendent. We did not learn who the other officers were.

John Minks had the misfortune to let his team run away a few days ago and completely wreck a new wagon and set of harness. No other damage.

R. E. Lamb is disposing of his property here preparatory to moving to Wyoming where he is offered the foremanship of a sheep ranch belonging to his niece.

J. F. Wilson has bought the grist-mill at this place, formerly owned by E. C. Featherston. Mr. W. went to St. Louis the first of the week and bought a new set of burrs.

For Sale.

Black Polled-Angus calves, ready for service. D. W. AUSTIN, Mendon, Mo.

STONE ON TRUSTS.

Speaking of trusts and other corporations in his speech at Nevada, a few days ago, ex-Governor Stone said: "While on this line I want to say that trusts are but giant corporations which are seeking to control and are controlling the politics and policies of the party in power. They write the tariff schedules, they approach the secretary of the treasury and say where it shall deposit public money."

"My countrymen, we are brought face to face with the proposition, shall the creatures of the law dominate the creator, shall corporations invade the domain of politics and legislation and say who shall govern us and dictate how they shall govern us? I am not an enemy to corporations in the legitimate exercise of their functions, but I insist that the debauchery of our lawmakers and executives by corporate power shall cease."

"Half of the federal judges owe their appointment to corporate influence, and when the opportunity arises for them to interfere between great corporations and the laboring men, whom do they hold to strict accountability? Am I right or am I wrong when I denounce these things? I hope to God no man will be elected a delegate by this convention who will use a railroad pass to get to the convention in which he is called to sit."

Truant Laws Enforced.

The absence of a child from school in Switzerland, unless in case of illness, is punishable by a fine, the amount of which is daily increased. If it is suspected that the child's illness is shammed a doctor is sent by the school authorities, and when he is convinced that the suspicion is correct, the parents have to pay his fee.

Coal Miners.

About 1,500,000 persons are employed in the coal mines of the world.

Queer Morning Colors.

Coffins in Russia are never covered with black. If the deceased is a child, pink is used; if a woman, crimson, though for a widow they use brown.

Couldn't Keep Count.

Mamma (impatiently)—Charlie, how many times have I told you to keep away from the sideboard? Charlie—I don't know. I can only count to seven.

Well Ventilated Caterpillars.

Ordinary caterpillars are the best ventilated animals on the face of the earth. Each caterpillar has nine holes on either side of its body, through which he breathes.

Ancient Tomb.

Lightning recently brought about the discovery of an Etruscan tomb near Volterra. It struck an old pine tree on a hillock, and in cutting down the remnants of the tree the workmen found the top of the sepulcher under the roots.

Gardens of Babylon.

An Assyrian tablet in the cellar of the British Museum has on it a representation of the hanging gardens of Babylon, according to Herr Bruno Meissner. If he is right this is the first testimony to their existence found among the cuneiform inscriptions.

Cactus as a Sustainant.

Arabs find the cactus to be an extraordinarily useful plant. They find in it food and drink, and also fodder for their cattle and camels. The Arab eats the figs and drinks the abundant supply of juice in the fleshy leaves. The camels chew up eagerly what is left over.

Some Fast Time Records.

The fastest times reported for the mile are: Railway, 34 seconds; ice-boat, 1 minute; steam yacht, 1 minute 35 seconds; bicycle, 1 minute 35 2-5 seconds; horse, 1 minute 35 1/2 seconds; ocean liner, 2 minutes 20 seconds; running, 4 minutes 12 3/4 seconds; rowing, 4 minutes 45 seconds.

The Bubonic Plague.

Statistics gathered regarding the bubonic plague in India show that since the beginning of the last outbreak at Bombay 250,000 deaths have been recorded. This number, however, is believed to be much below the actual total, because the natives are known to have concealed deaths from the disease.

Honest Folks in Finland.

There is less crime in Finland than in any other country in Europe except Iceland. Honesty is the national virtue. Bolts and bars are not deemed necessary fixtures for a house, even in the country, where the people spend much of their time in the fields, and in the large towns people leave baggage and other personal property in the street for hours unguarded, without fear that it will be molested.

Will View Fossils in Wyoming.

The Union Pacific railway will invite over three hundred colleges and universities of the United States to send an expert geologist or paleontologist, with a corps of assistants, to Wyoming the coming summer to visit the fields of gigantic fossil remains which are found in that state. The invitations will offer, in the interest of science, free transportation from Chicago on the east and San Francisco on the west to Laramie and return.

Improvement on the Phonograph.

At a recent meeting of the Academie des Sciences, Paris, Mr. Marcy presented a new phonograph which speaks so distinctly that one can scarcely recognize any difference between the original voice and its reproduction. On the same occasion Mr. Dusaur described a new method of amplifying the sounds of the phonograph just as a photograph is enlarged. It is done by causing the phonograph to speak into a second phonograph having a cylinder of larger diameter.

Curzon's Narrow Escape.

George Curzon, the new viceroy of India, whose handwriting became quite illegible at one period of his Oxford career, wrote two letters, one to a relative, one to a chum with whom he always discussed the faults of their respective relation, and accidentally put these letters into the wrong envelopes. He received a reply from his chum which revealed the mistake, and was about to write a profound apology to his relative, when he received the following note: "Can't read a word of your four pages, but guess you want some money, you young rascal." Inclosed was a handsome "tip."

A Curious Custom.

A curious custom in connection with the birth of an heir to the earldom of Carnarvon is now being observed at Highclere castle. The traditions of the family require that on such occasions 500 gallons of beer should be brewed, and that the cask remain unopened until the heir attains his majority. From oak grown on the Highclere estate a Newbury cooper has made a huge cask hooped with brass, and bearing a coronet and inscription plate of the same metal. The inscriptions runs: "May Highclere flourish. This cask of ale, containing 500 gallons, was brewed in commemoration of the birth of Lord Portchester, born November 7, 1893. Albert Streetfield, butler, Highclere castle, 1899."—London Chronicle.

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